

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

CHAMBERS OF  
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
CHIEF JUDGE

312-435-5600

August 11, 2021

Dear Rockford Courthouse:

Today I have learned that an employee/contractor, last in the Rockford Courthouse yesterday, has tested positive for COVID-19 through the SHIELD testing program. This individual was on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th floors of the Courthouse. We are notifying persons who had direct contact with this individual, and the General Services Administration will promptly clean the impacted areas.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are fortunate to have the vaccines available to us. Individuals who are vaccinated and contract COVID-19 with a breakthrough case are significantly less likely to have significant symptoms or require hospitalization. The vaccine protects you and persons you are in contact with, including children and persons who are immunocompromised or can't get vaccinated. Remember you can find a [location here](#) throughout the State that is administering the vaccine to kids ages 12-15. Everyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to receive any one of the three COVID-19 vaccines available and can find their nearest vaccination location by clicking [here](#) or calling (833) 621-1284 to schedule an appointment.

I appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

Yours truly,



Rebecca R. Pallmeyer  
Chief Judge  
Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee